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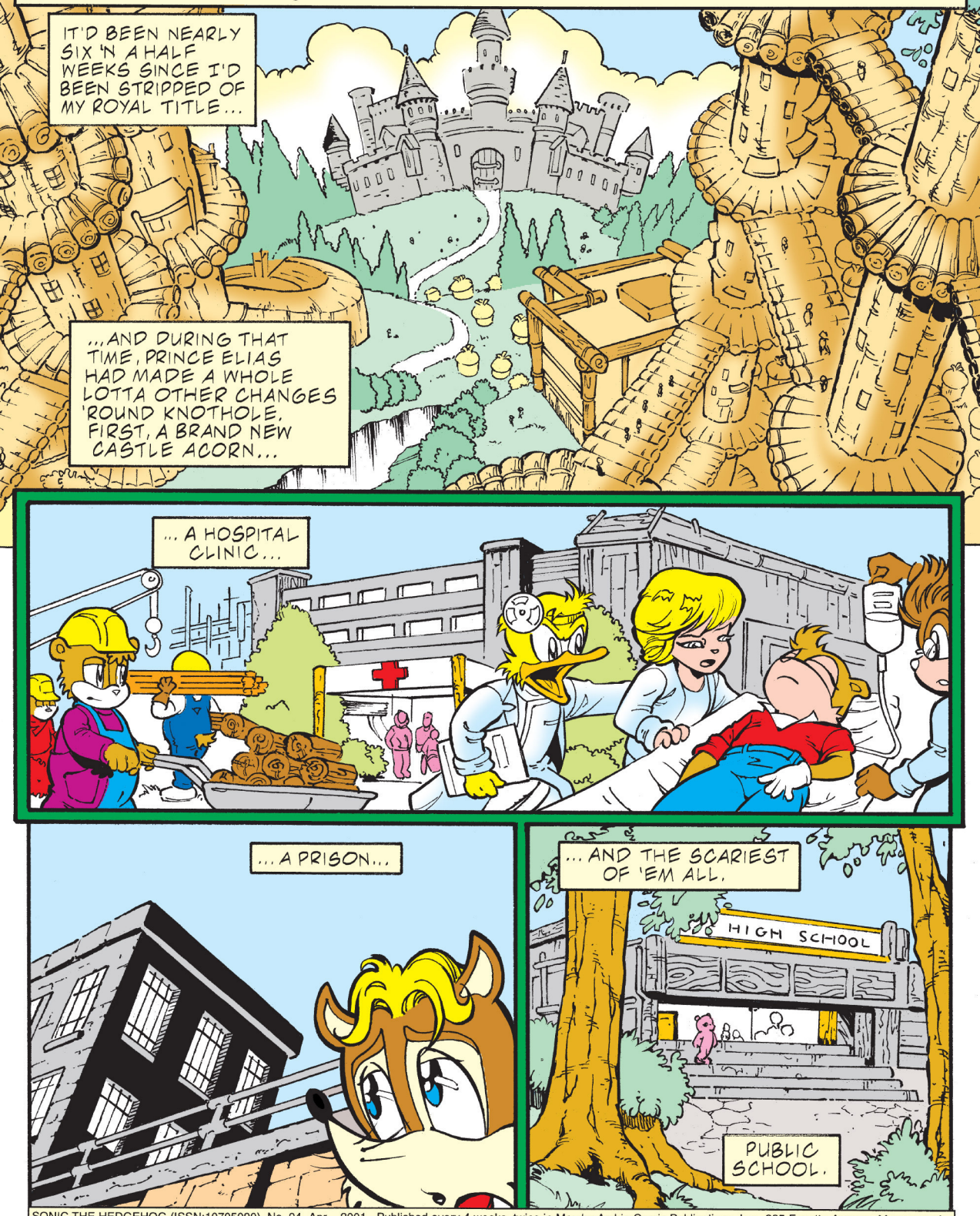
IT'D BEEN NEARLY SIX 'N A HALF WEEKS SINCE I'D BEEN STRIPPED OF MY ROYAL TITLE...
...AND DURING THAT TIME, PRINCE ELIAS HAD MADE A WHOLE LOTTA OTHER CHANGES 'ROUND KNOTHOLE. FIRST, A BRAND NEW CASTLE ACORN...
... A HOSPITAL CLINIC...
... A PRISON...
... AND THE SCARIEST OF 'EM ALL.
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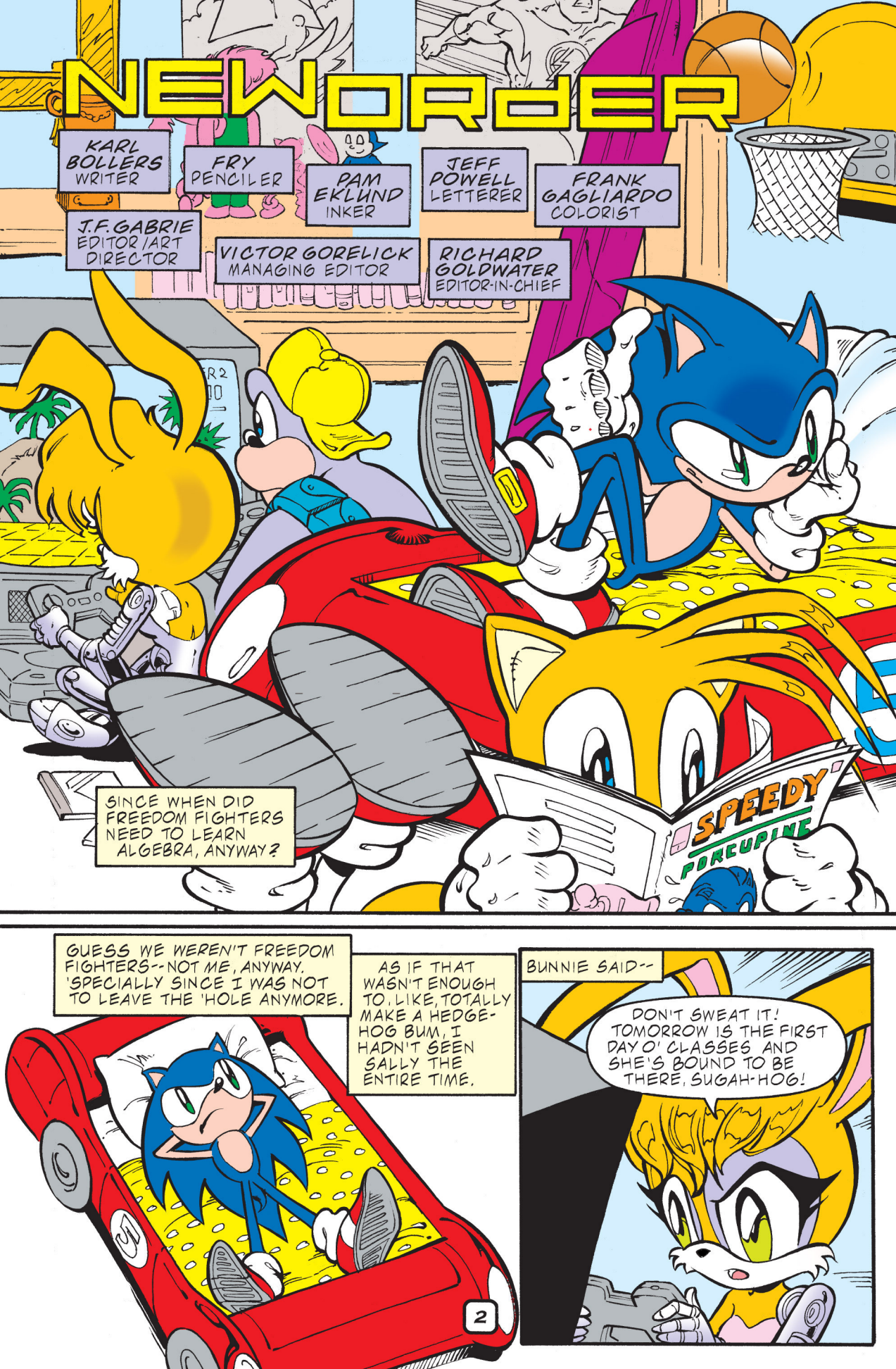
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SINCE WHEN DID FREEDOM FIGHTERS NEED TO LEARN ALGEBRA, ANYWAY?
SPEEDY PORCUPINE
GUESS WE WEREN'T FREEDOM FIGHTERS--NOT ME, ANYWAY. 'SPECIALLY SINCE I WAS NOT TO LEAVE THE 'HOLE ANYMORE.
AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TO, LIKE, TOTALLY MAKE A HEDGE-HOG BUM, I HADN'T SEEN SALLY THE ENTIRE TIME.
BUNNIE SAID--
DON'T SWEAT IT! TOMORROW IS THE FIRST DAY O' CLASSES AND SHE'S BOUND TO BE THERE, SUGAH-HOG!
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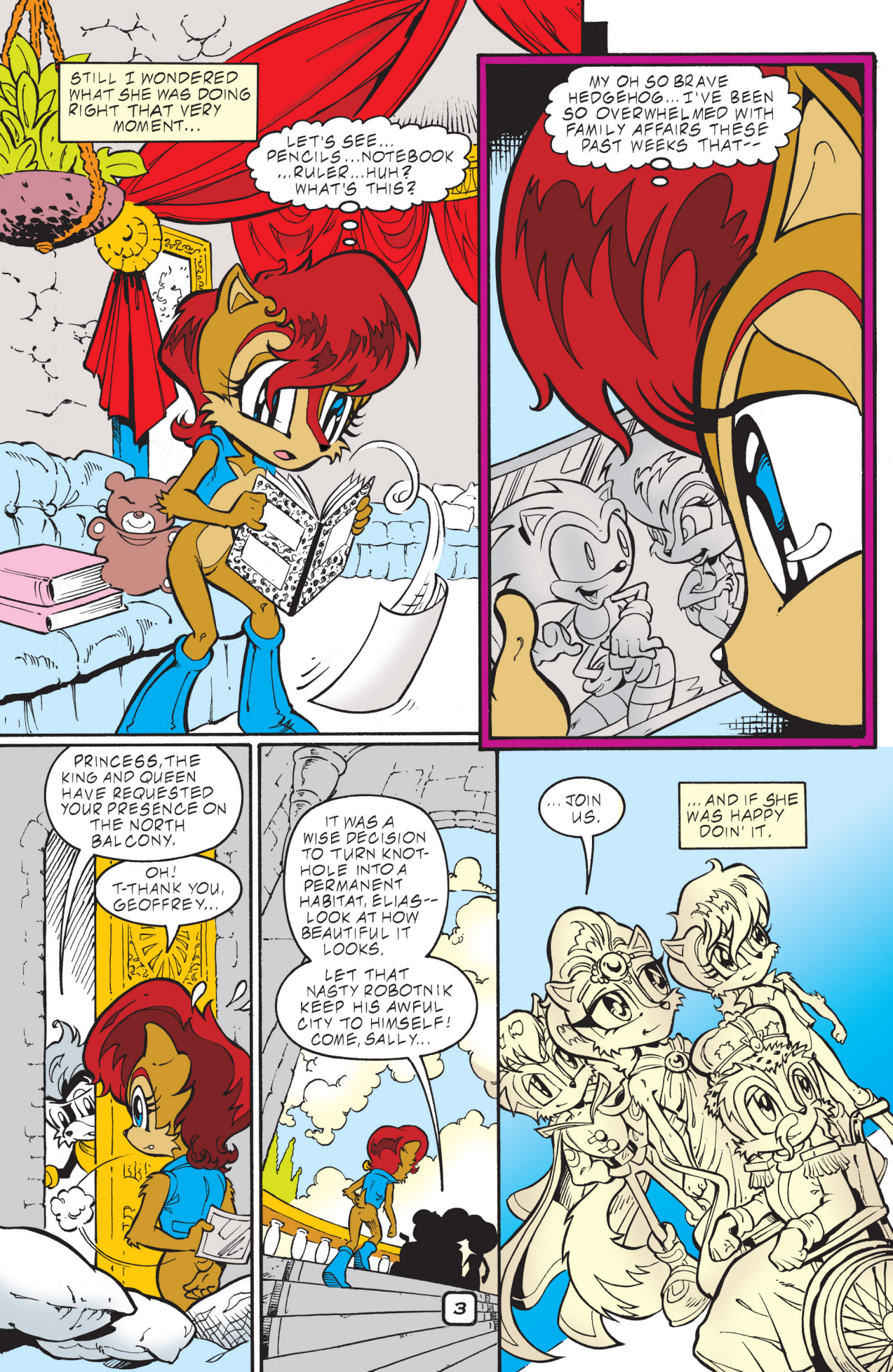
STILL I WONDERED WHAT SHE WAS DOING RIGHT THAT VERY MOMENT...
LET'S SEE... PENCILS...NOTEBOOK ...RULER...HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
MY OH SO BRAVE HEDGEHOG... I'VE BEEN SO OVERWHELMED WITH FAMILY AFFAIRS THESE PAST WEEKS THAT--
PRINCESS, THE KING AND QUEEN HAVE REQUESTED YOUR PRESENCE ON THE NORTH BALCONY.
OH! T-THANK YOU, GEOFFREY...
IT WAS A WISE DECISION TO TURN KNOT-HOLE INTO A PERMANENT HABITAT, ELIAS-- LOOK AT HOW BEAUTIFUL IT LOOKS.
LET THAT NASTY ROBOTNIK KEEP HIS AWFUL CITY TO HIMSELF! COME, SALLY...
...JOIN US.
...AND IF SHE WAS HAPPY DOIN' IT.
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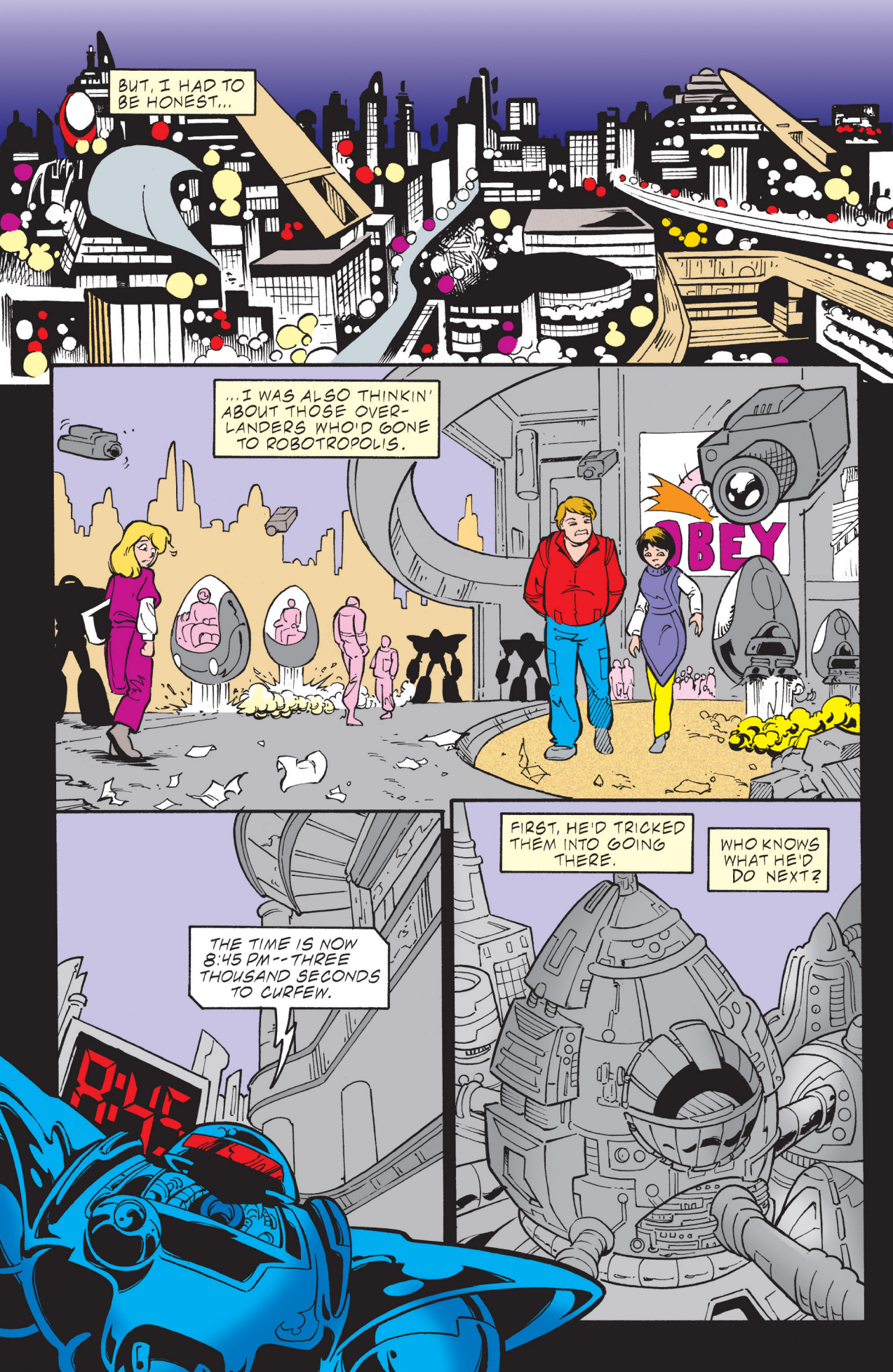
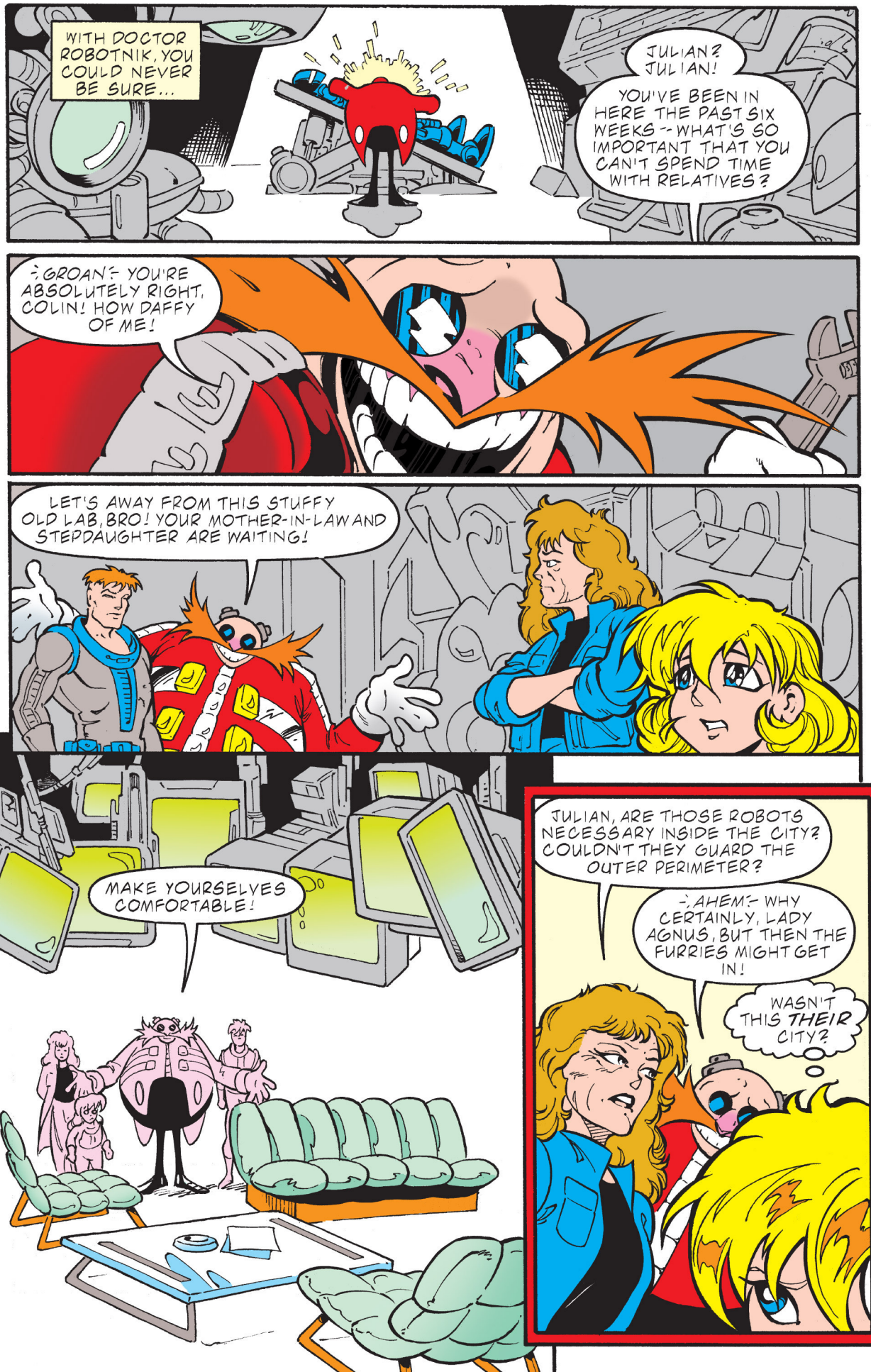
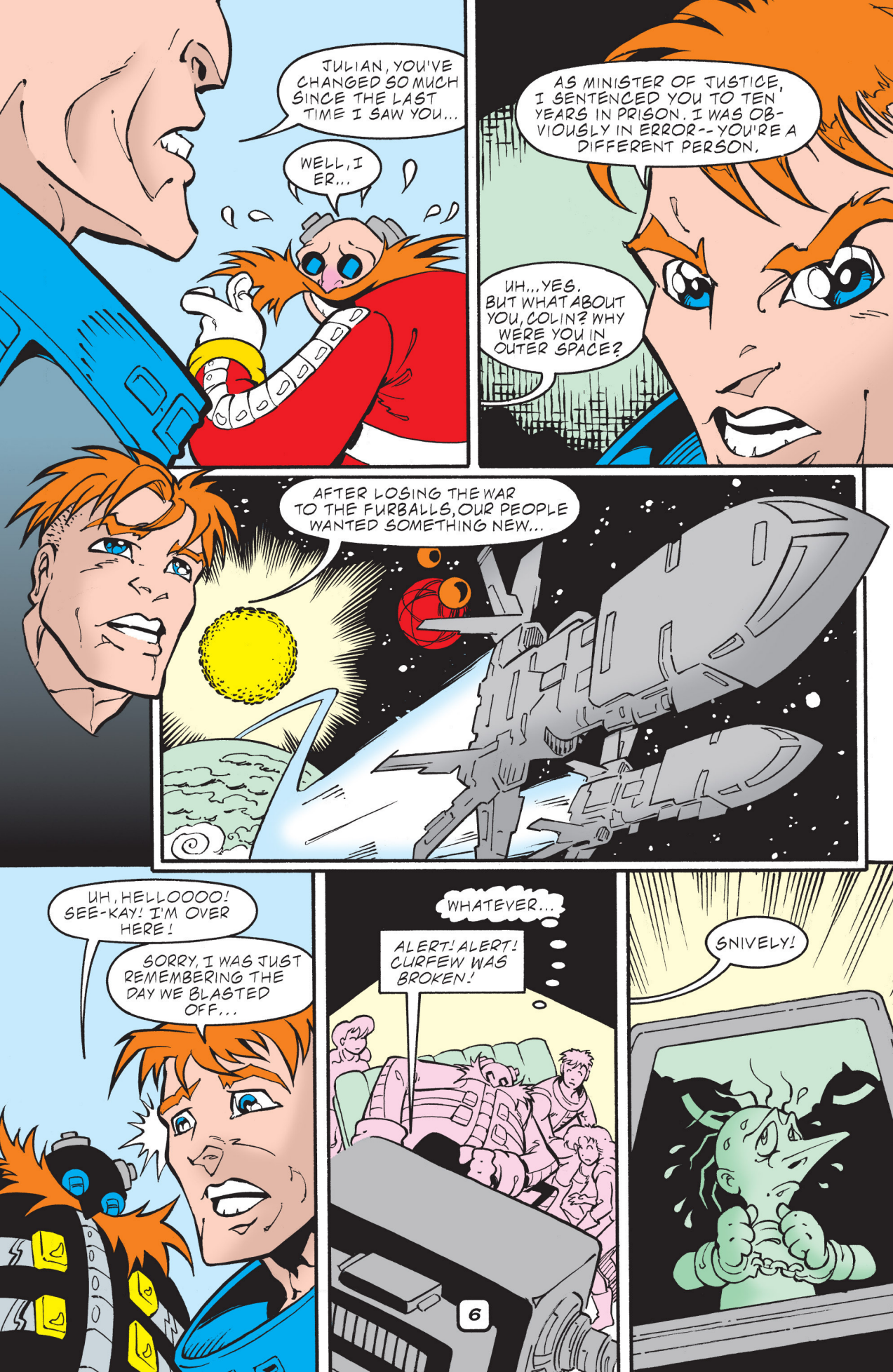

BUT, I HAD TO BE HONEST...
...I WAS ALSO THINKIN' ABOUT THOSE OVER-LANDERS WHO'D GONE TO ROBOTROPOLIS.
OBEY
FIRST, HE'D TRICKED THEM INTO GOING THERE.
WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'D DO NEXT?
THE TIME IS NOW 8:45 PM -- THREE THOUSAND SECONDS TO CURFEW.
8:45


WITH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, YOU COULD NEVER BE SURE...
JULIAN? JULIAN!
YOU'VE BEEN IN HERE THE PAST SIX WEEKS -- WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU CAN'T SPEND TIME WITH RELATIVES?
:GROAN:- YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, COLIN! HOW DAFFY OF ME!
LET'S AWAY FROM THIS STUFFY OLD LAB, BRO! YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW AND STEPDAUGHTER ARE WAITING!
MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE!
JULIAN, ARE THOSE ROBOTS NECESSARY INSIDE THE CITY? COULDN'T THEY GUARD THE OUTER PERIMETER?
:AHEM:- WHY CERTAINLY, LADY AGNUS, BUT THEN THE FURRIES MIGHT GET IN!
WASN'T THIS THEIR CITY?


JULIAN, YOU'VE CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU...
WELL, I ER...
AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, I SENTENCED YOU TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON. I WAS OBVIOUSLY IN ERROR--YOU'RE A DIFFERENT PERSON.
UH...YES. BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, COLIN? WHY WERE YOU IN OUTER SPACE?
AFTER LOSING THE WAR TO THE FURBALLS, OUR PEOPLE WANTED SOMETHING NEW...
UH, HELLOOOO! SEE-KAY! I'M OVER HERE!
SORRY, I WAS JUST REMEMBERING THE DAY WE BLASTED OFF...
WHATEVER...
ALERT! ALERT! CURFEW WAS BROKEN!
SNIVELY!
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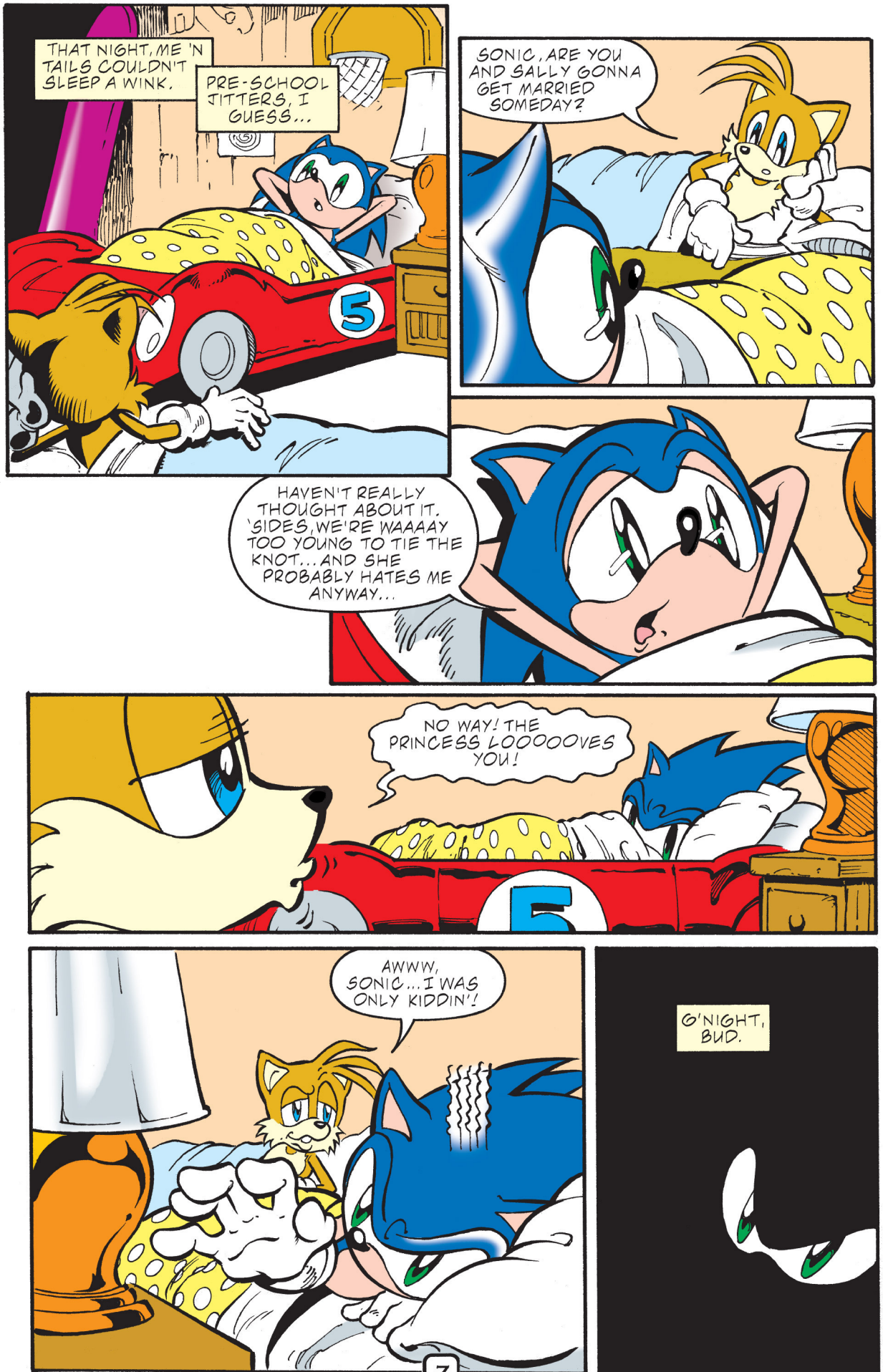
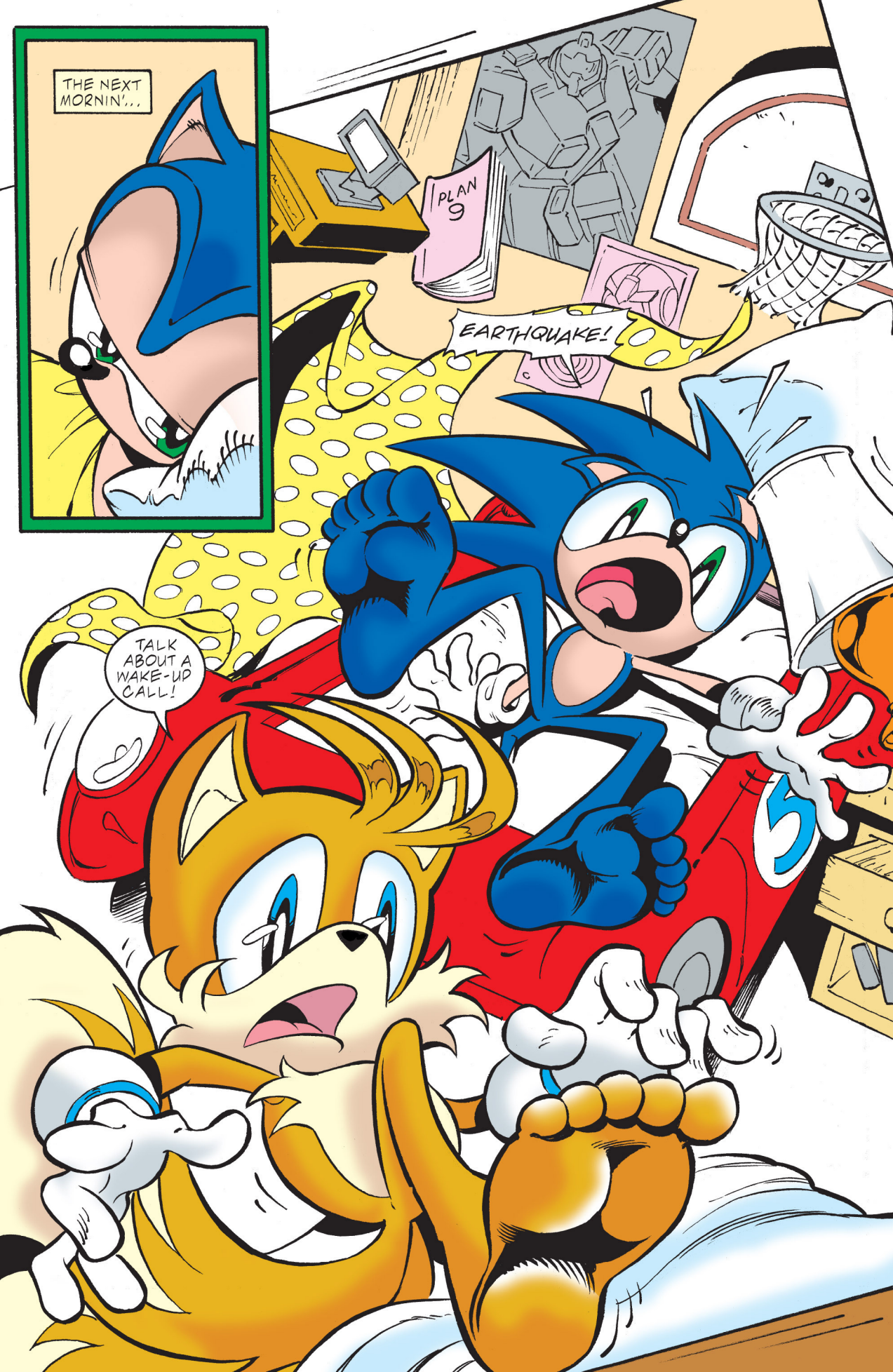
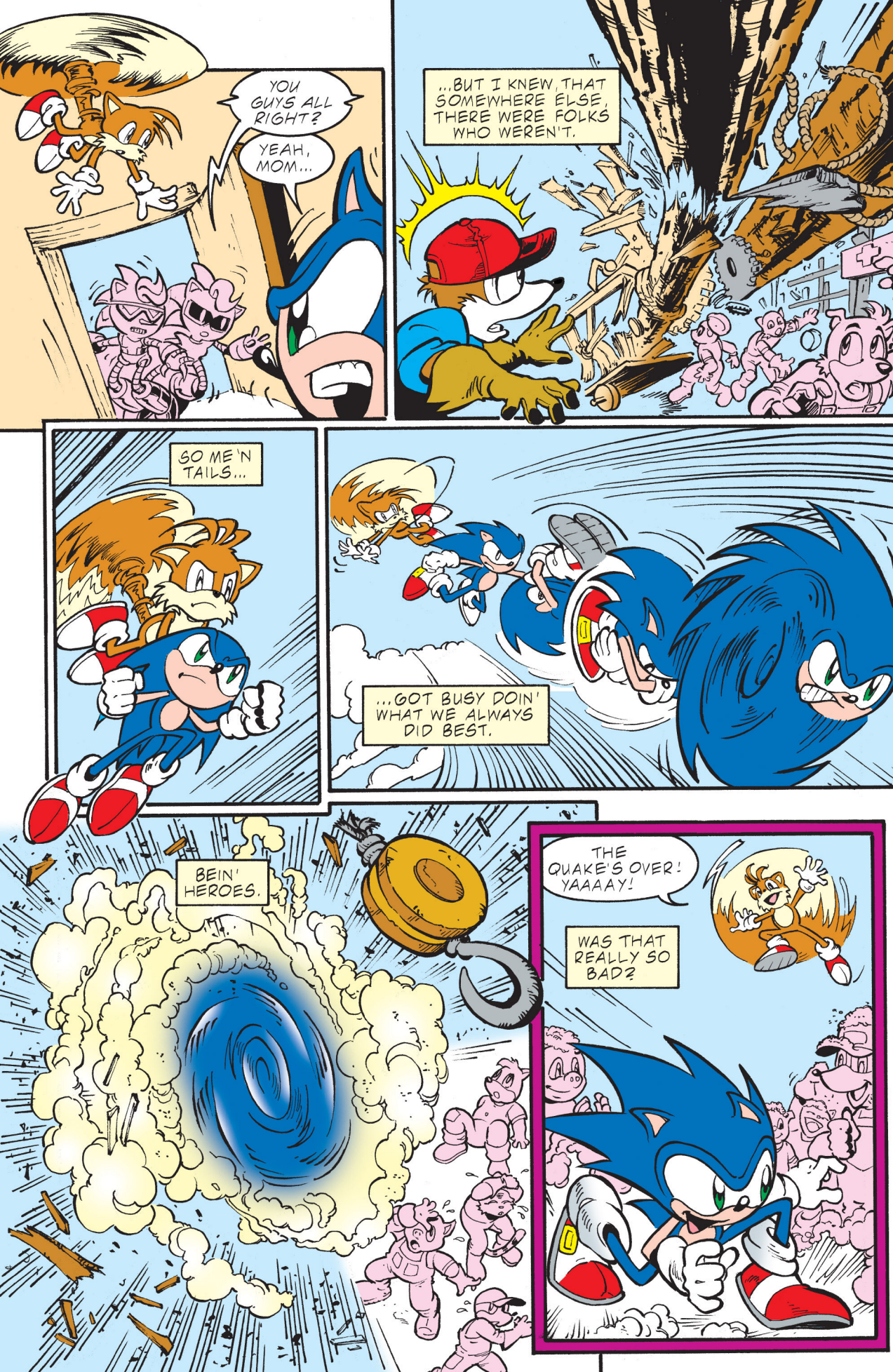
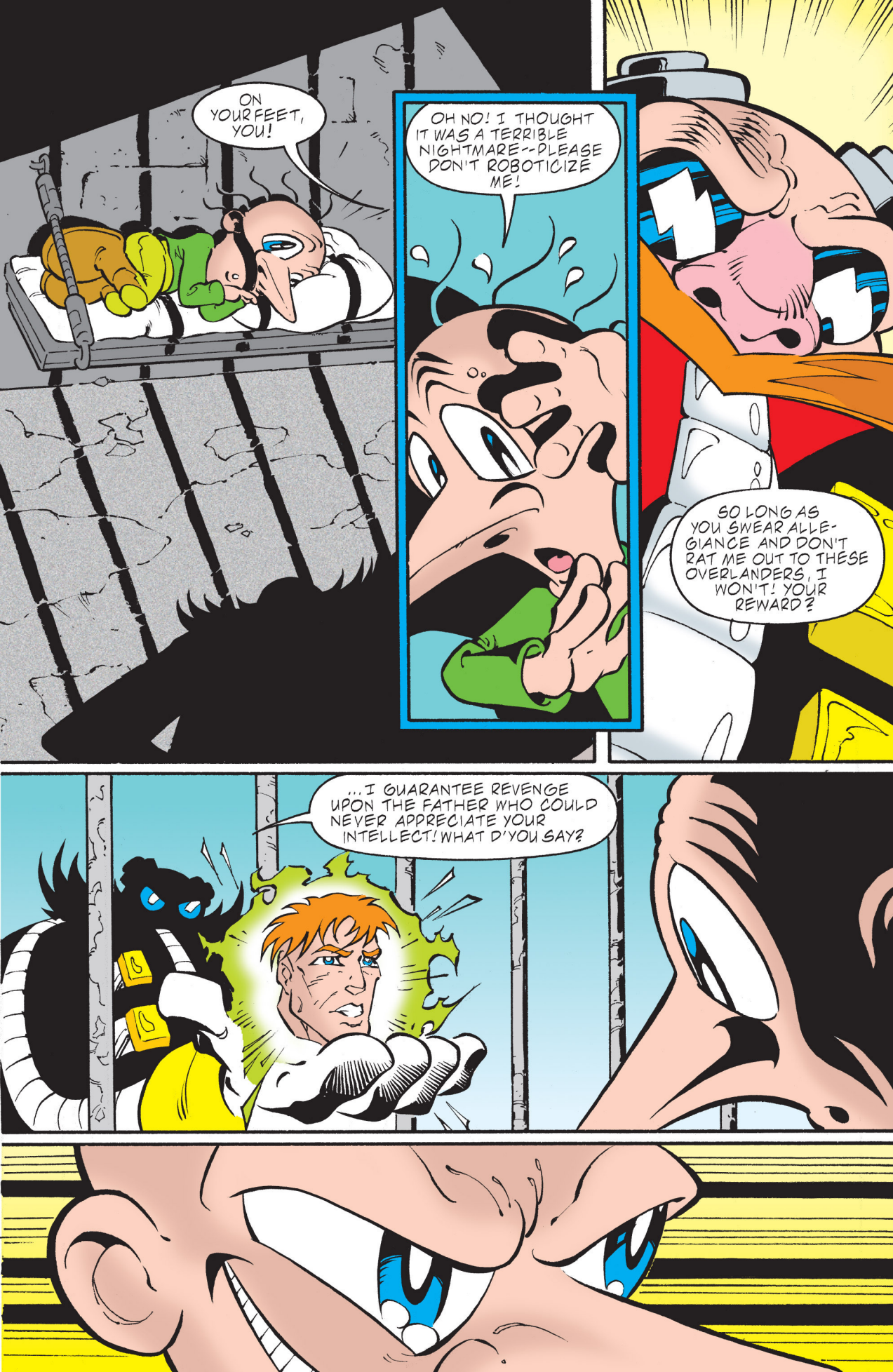
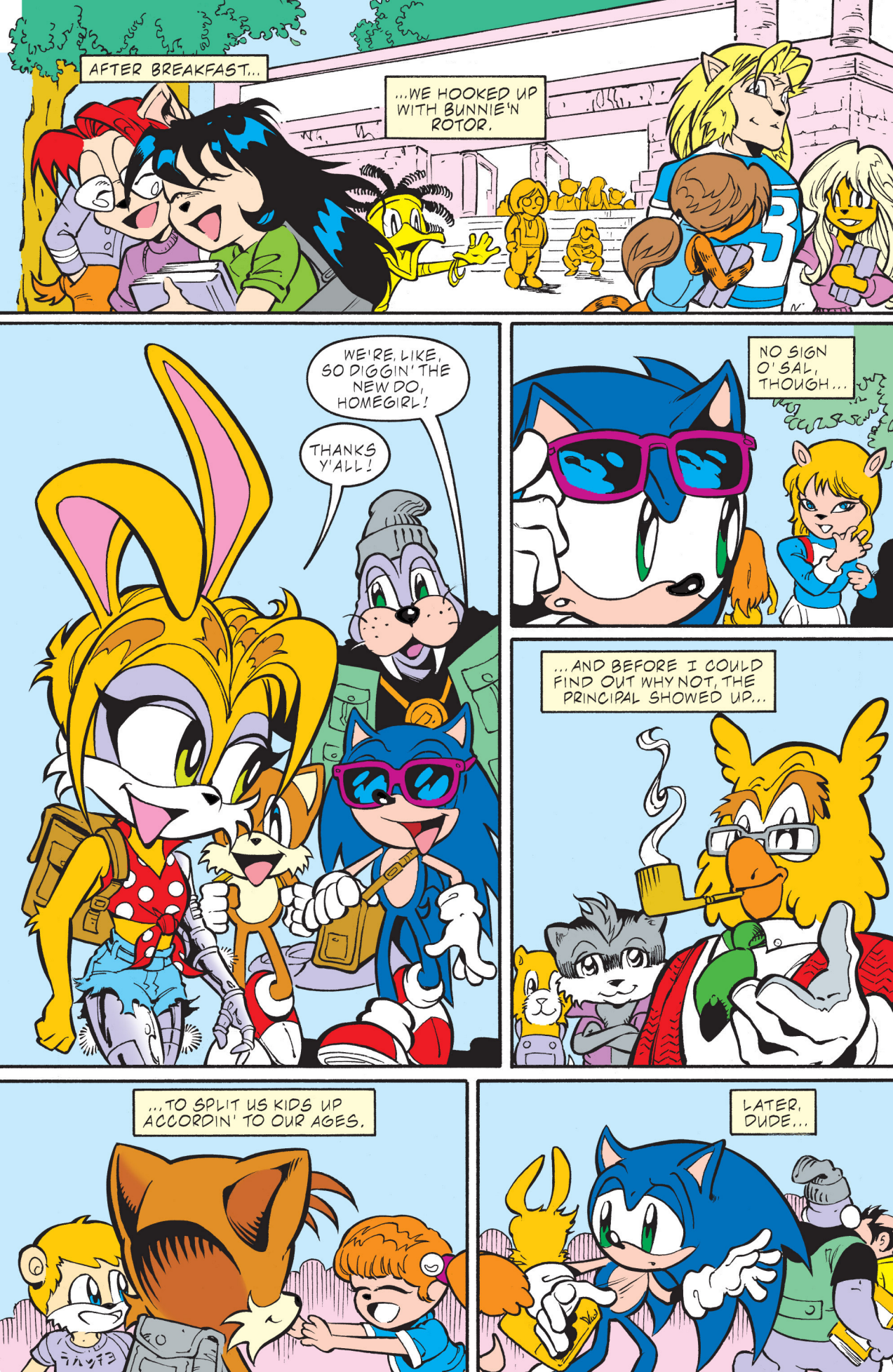
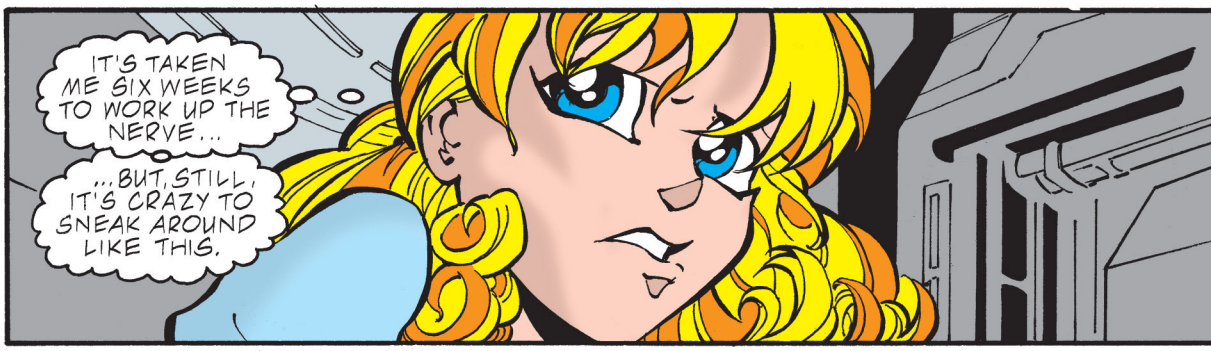

THAT NIGHT, ME 'N TAILS COULDN'T SLEEP A WINK.
PRE-SCHOOL JITTERS, I GUESS...
SONIC, ARE YOU AND SALLY GONNA GET MARRIED SOMEDAY?
HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT. 'SIDES, WE'RE WAAAAY TOO YOUNG TO TIE THE KNOT... AND SHE PROBABLY HATES ME ANYWAY...
NO WAY! THE PRINCESS LOOOOOVES YOU!
AWWW, SONIC... I WAS ONLY KIDDIN'!
G'NIGHT, BUD.

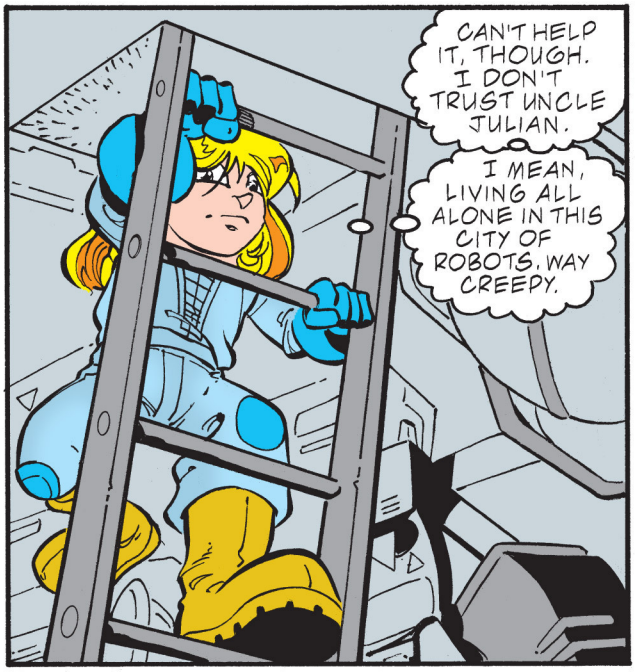

THE NEXT MORNIN'...
PLAN 9
EARTHQUAKE!
TALK ABOUT A WAKE-UP CALL!

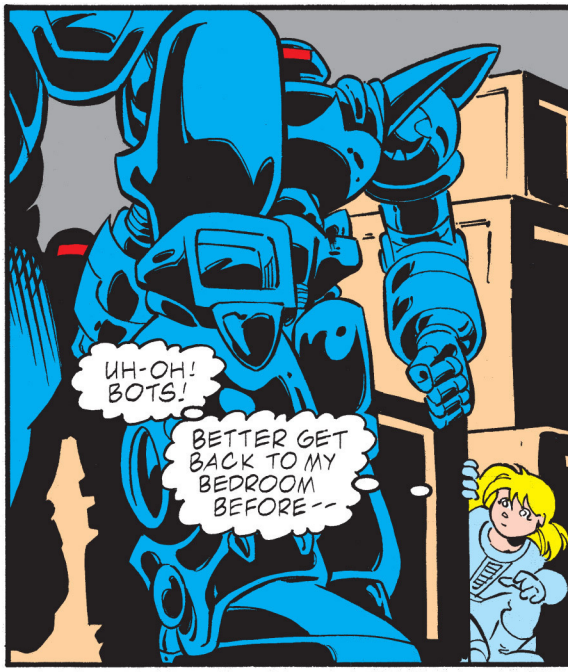

YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, MOM...
...BUT I KNEW, THAT SOMEWHERE ELSE, THERE WERE FOLKS WHO WEREN'T.
SO ME 'N TAILS...
...GOT BUSY DOIN' WHAT WE ALWAYS DID BEST.
BEIN' HEROES.
THE QUAKE'S OVER! YAAAAY!
WAS THAT REALLY SO BAD?

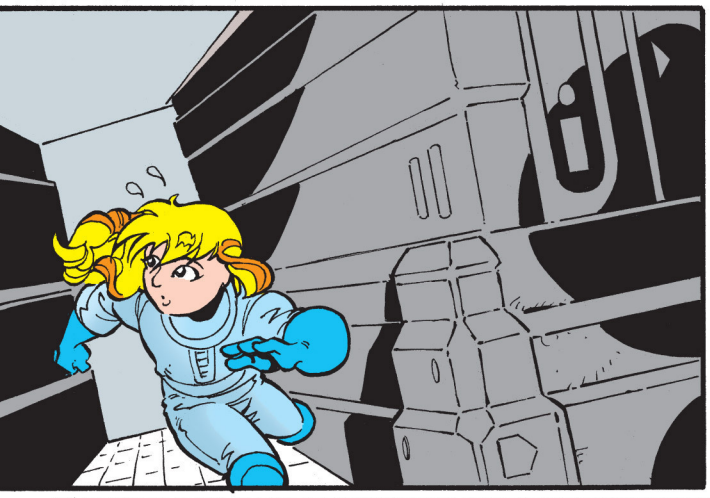

ON YOUR FEET, YOU!
OH NO! I THOUGHT IT WAS A TERRIBLE NIGHTMARE--PLEASE DON'T ROBOTICIZE ME!
SO LONG AS YOU SWEAR ALLEGIANCE AND DON'T RAT ME OUT TO THESE OVERLANDERS, I WON'T! YOUR REWARD?
...I GUARANTEE REVENGE UPON THE FATHER WHO COULD NEVER APPRECIATE YOUR INTELLECT! WHAT D'YOU SAY?

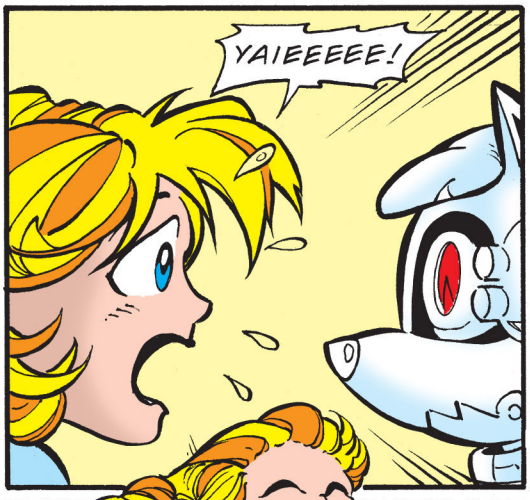

AFTER BREAKFAST...
...WE HOOKED UP WITH BUNNIE'N ROTOR.
WE'RE, LIKE, SO DIGGIN' THE NEW DO, HOMEGIRL!
THANKS Y'ALL!
NO SIGN O' SAL, THOUGH...
...AND BEFORE I COULD FIND OUT WHY NOT, THE PRINCIPAL SHOWED UP...
...TO SPLIT US KIDS UP ACCORDIN' TO OUR AGES.
LATER, DUDE...

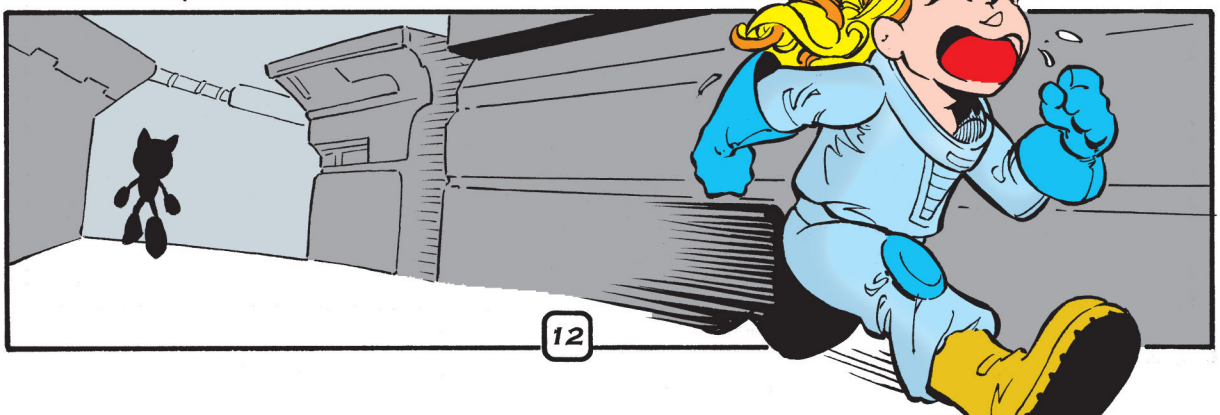

IT'S TAKEN ME SIX WEEKS TO WORK UP THE NERVE...
...BUT, STILL, IT'S CRAZY TO SNEAK AROUND LIKE THIS.

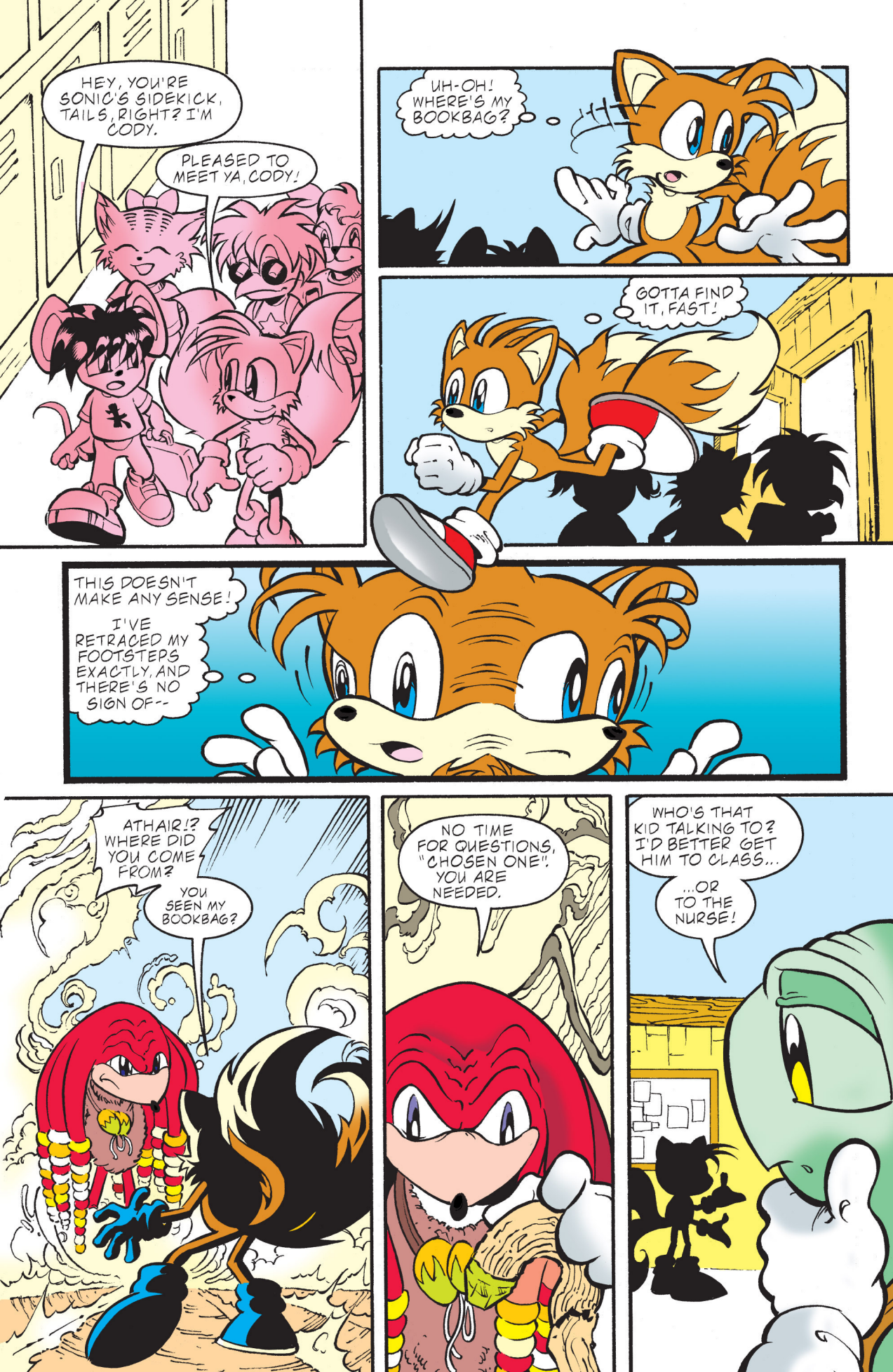

CAN'T HELP IT, THOUGH. I DON'T TRUST UNCLE JULIAN.
I MEAN, LIVING ALL ALONE IN THIS CITY OF ROBOTS, WAY CREEPY.

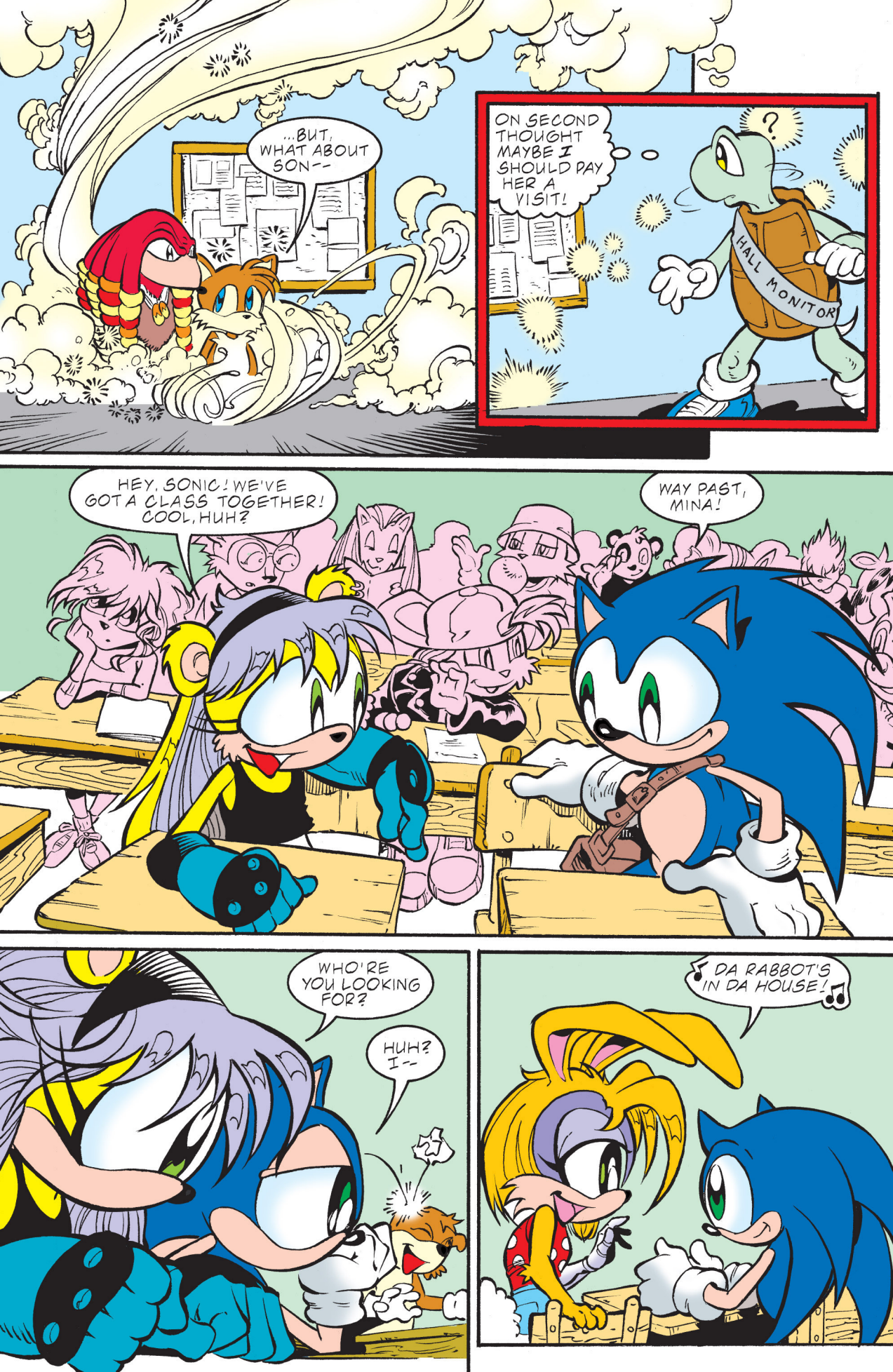

UH-OH! BOTS!
BETTER GET BACK TO MY BEDROOM BEFORE--

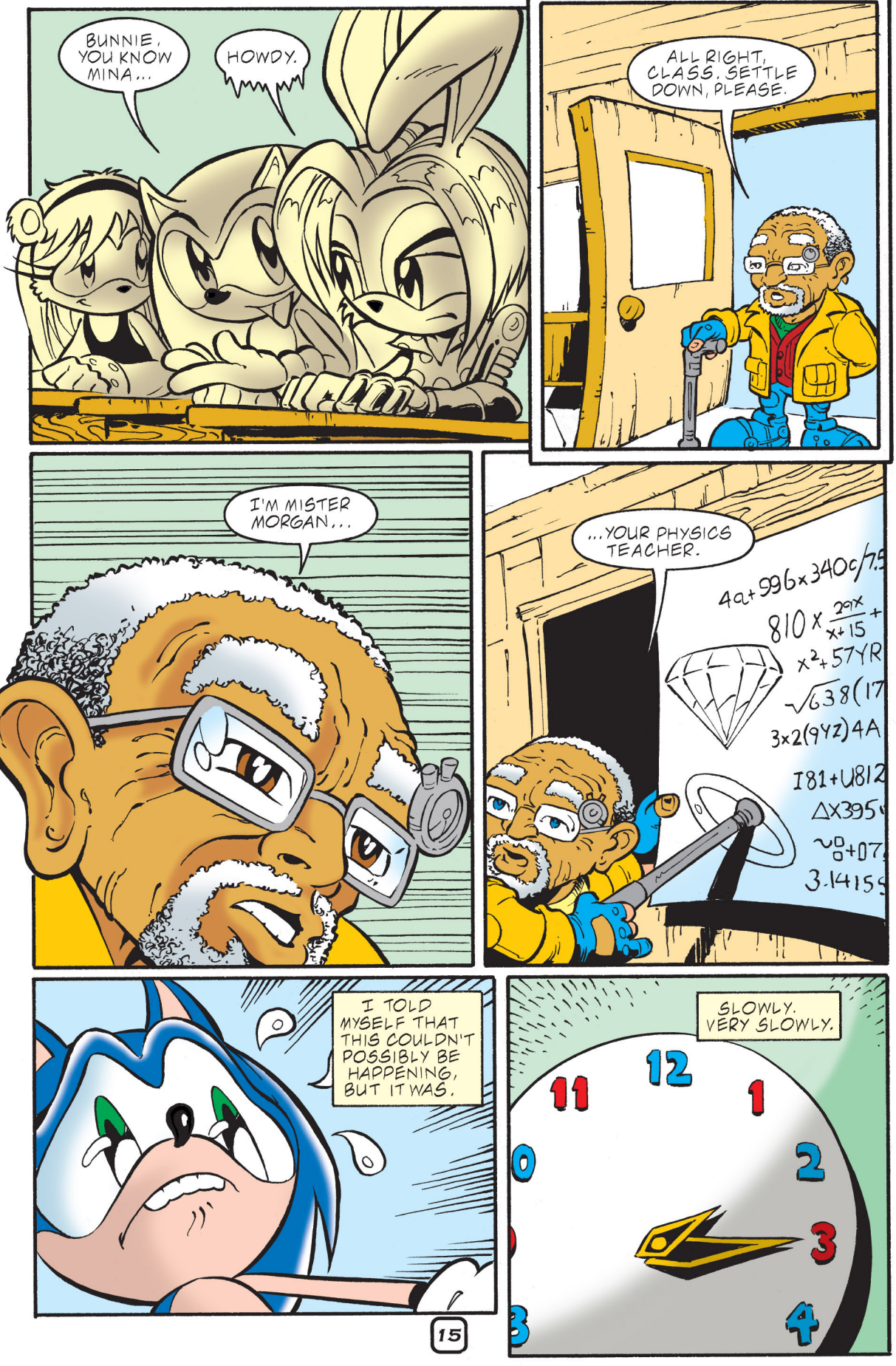


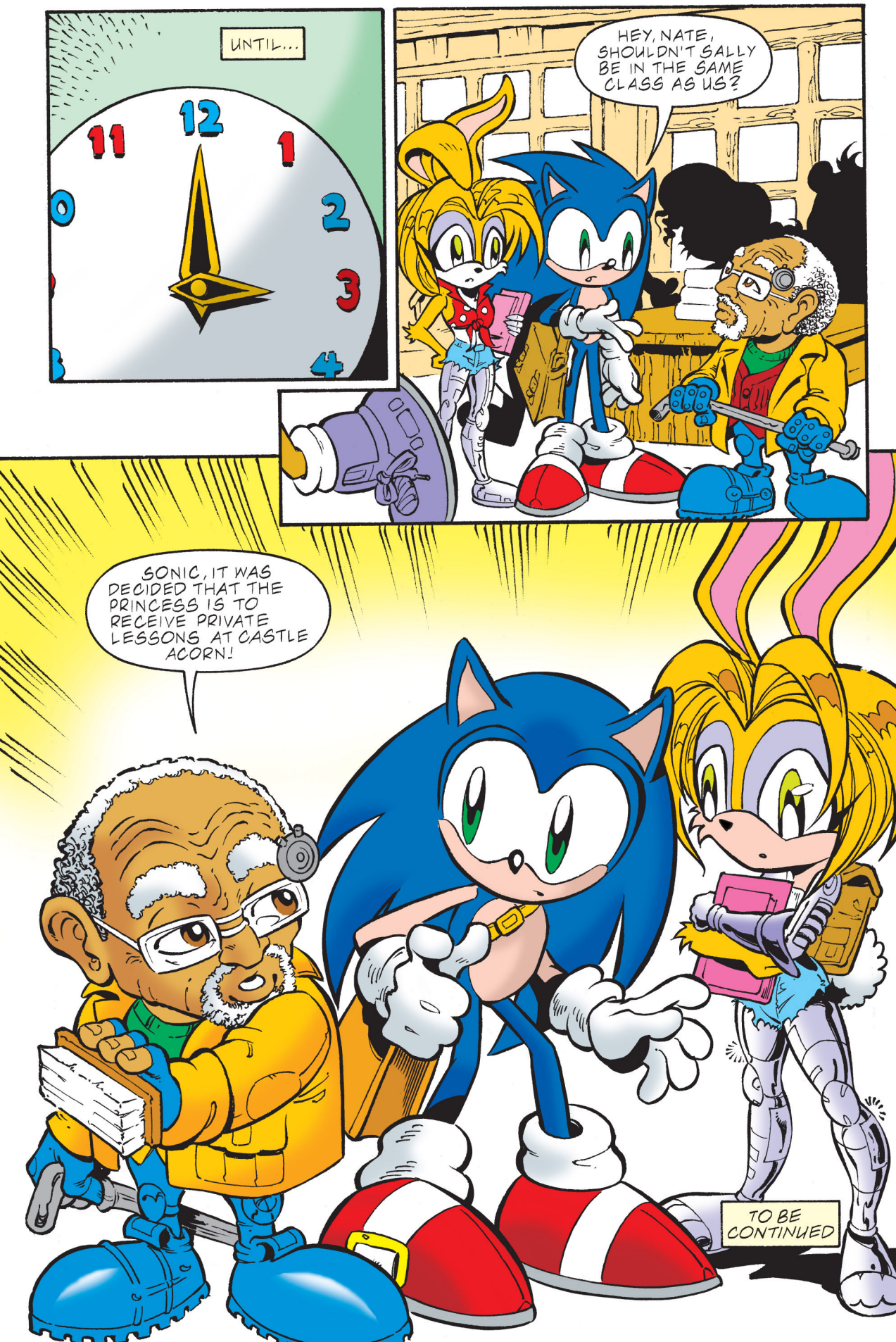

YAIEEEEE!




HEY, YOU'RE SONIC'S SIDEKICK, TAILS, RIGHT? I'M CODY.
PLEASED TO MEET YA, CODY!
UH-OH! WHERE'S MY BOOKBAG?
GOTTA FIND IT, FAST!
THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE! I'VE RETRACED MY FOOTSTEPS EXACTLY, AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF--
ATHAIR!? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
YOU SEEN MY BOOKBAG?
NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS, "CHOSEN ONE". YOU ARE NEEDED.
WHO'S THAT KID TALKING TO? I'D BETTER GET HIM TO CLASS...
...OR TO THE NURSE!


...BUT, WHAT ABOUT SON--
ON SECOND THOUGHT MAYBE I SHOULD PAY HER A VISIT!
?
HALL MONITOR
HEY, SONIC! WE'VE GOT A CLASS TOGETHER! COOL, HUH?
WAY PAST, MINA!
WHO'RE YOU LOOKING FOR?
HUH? I--
DA RABBOT'S IN DA HOUSE!


BUNNIE, YOU KNOW MINA...
HOWDY.
ALL RIGHT, CLASS. SETTLE DOWN, PLEASE.
I'M MISTER MORGAN...
...YOUR PHYSICS TEACHER.
I TOLD MYSELF THAT THIS COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE HAPPENING, BUT IT WAS.
SLOWLY. VERY SLOWLY.


UNTIL...
HEY, NATE, SHOULDN'T SALLY BE IN THE SAME CLASS AS US?
SONIC, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE PRINCESS IS TO RECEIVE PRIVATE LESSONS AT CASTLE ACORN!
TO BE CONTINUED

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

HAVING BEEN RECRUITED BY THE ECHIDNA HIGH COUNCIL ON ALBION TO TRACK DOWN AND BRING BACK... KNUCKLES™

NIC THE WEASEL IS SOMEWHAT NONPLUSSED WHEN HER BROTHER TURNS UP EMPTY-HANDED AFTER SHE WITNESSED KNUCKLES FORCED TO SURRENDER WHEN HIS FRIEND CHARMY BEE AND LOVELY FIANCEE SAFRON WHO WERE THREATENED WITH SERIOUS BODILY HARM! DEPART THE SCENE WITH NACK ONLY MINUTES AGO...

WHOA!
DON'T TELL ME THE ECHIDNA GAVE YOU THE SLIP!
ON THE CONTRARY--I MADE AN EARLY DELIVERY!
GUESS OUR EMPLOYERS COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL WE RETURNED!
WE EVEN GOT A NICE-SIZED BONUS FOR OUR TROUBLE!
WE DID?

THE BEST LAID PLANS...

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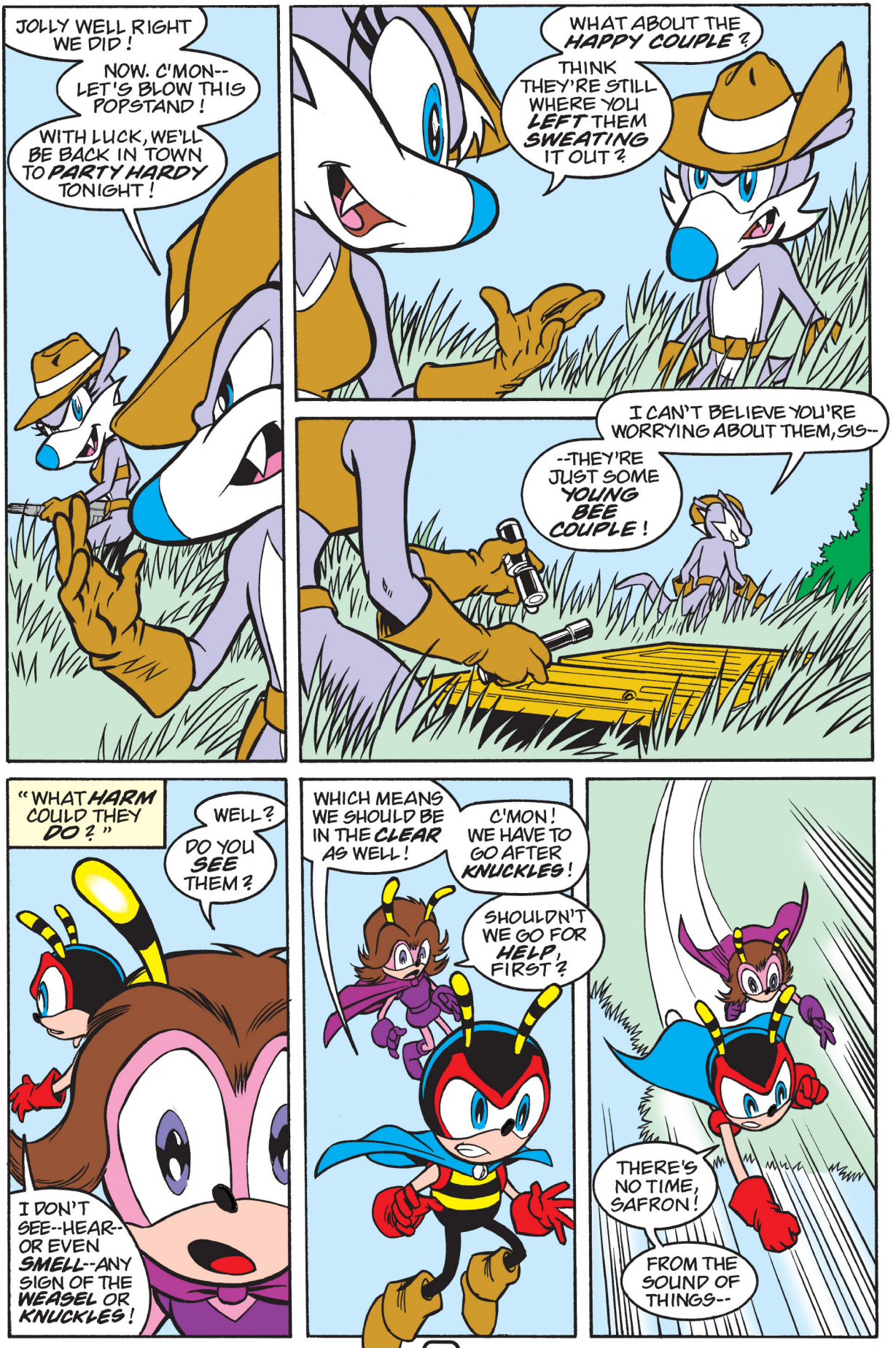
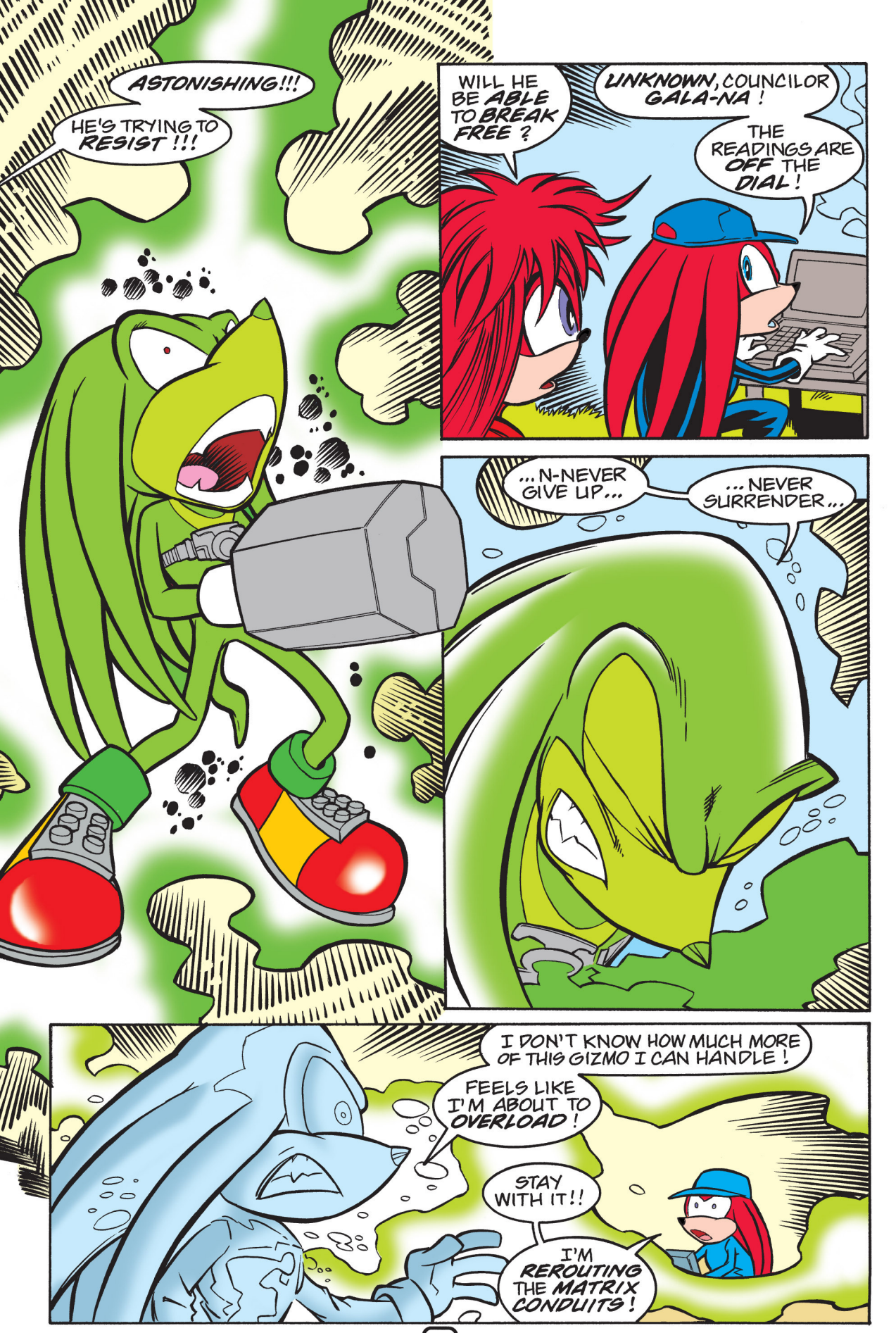
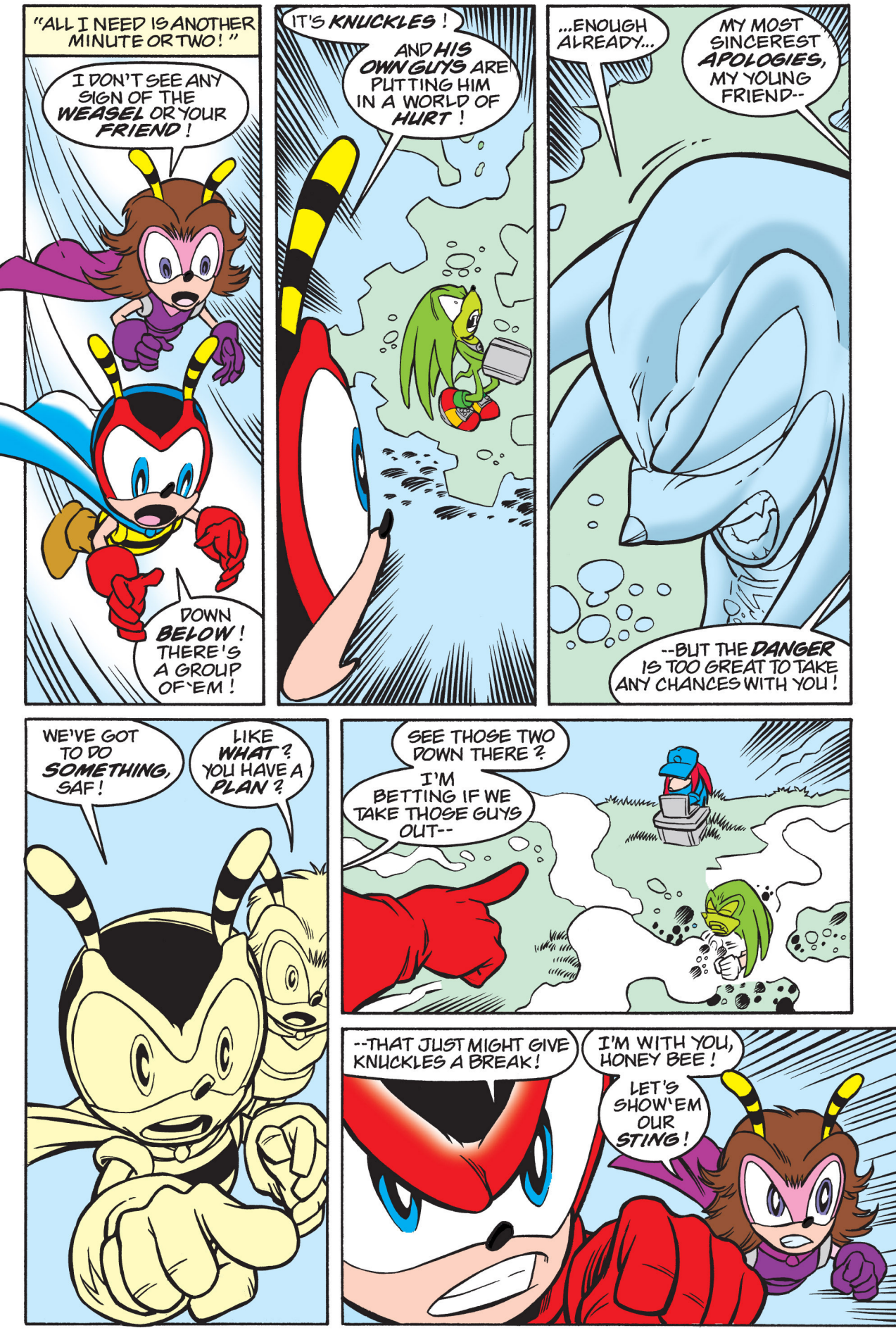
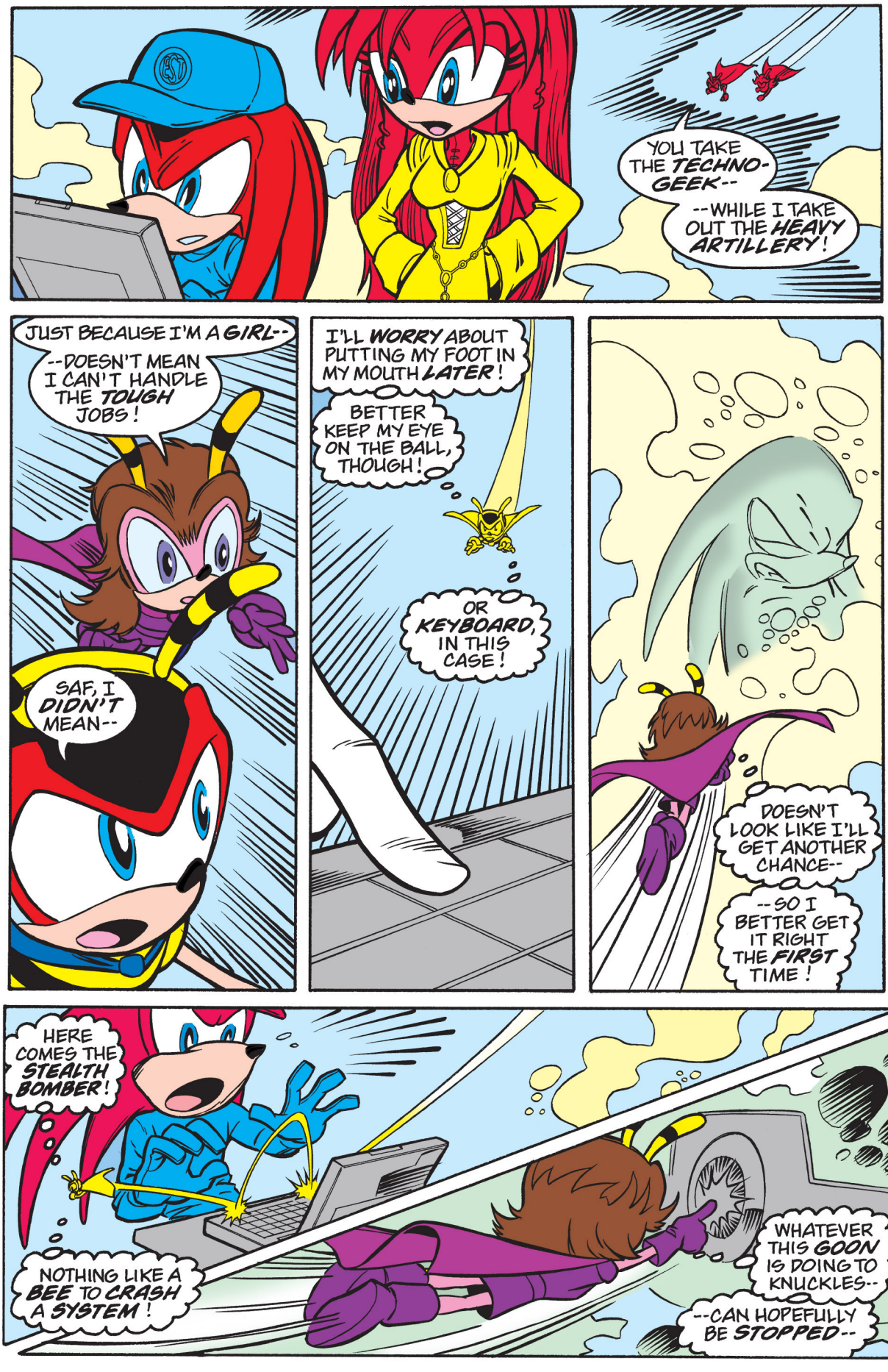
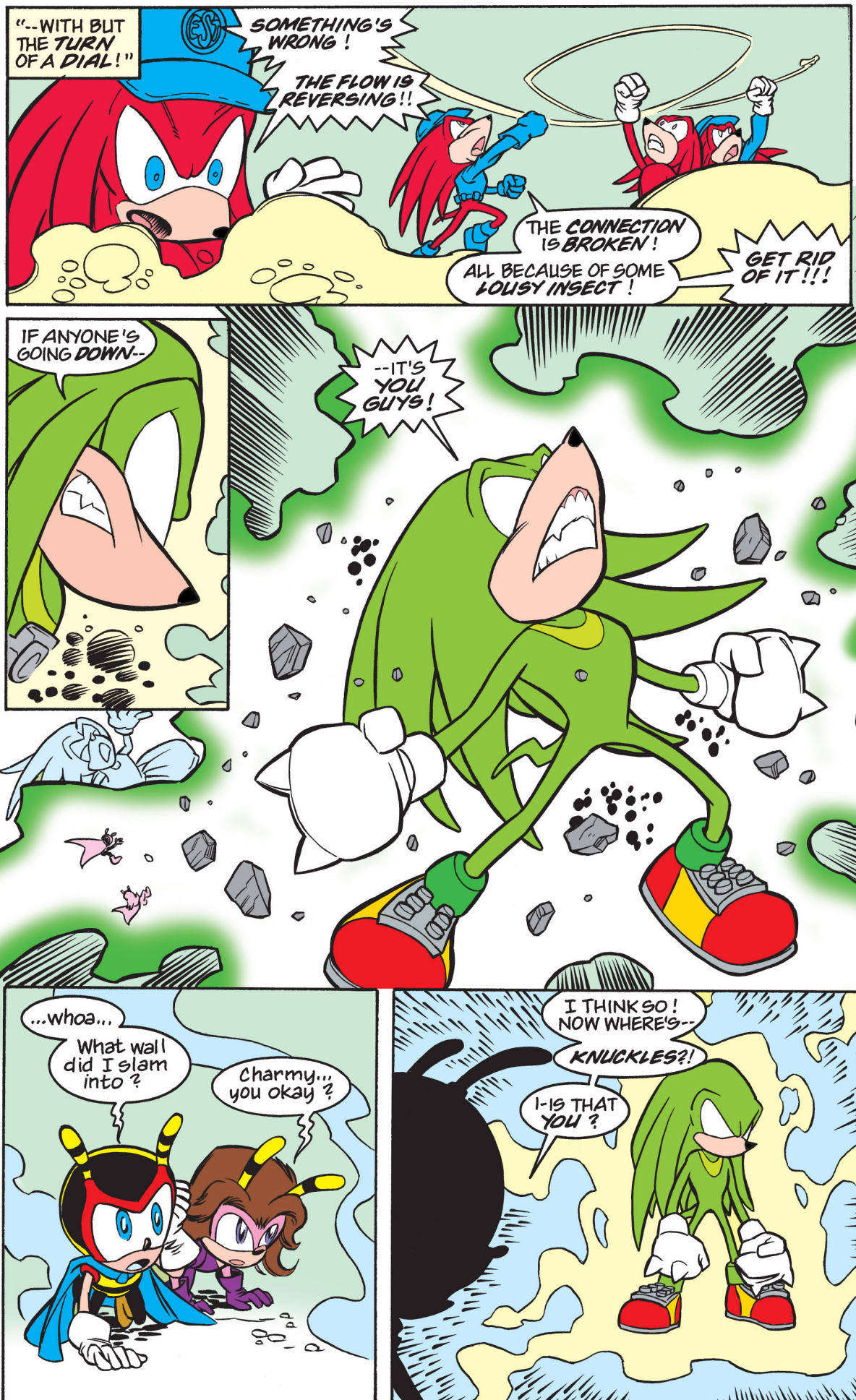

JOLLY WELL RIGHT WE DID!
NOW, C'MON--LET'S BLOW THIS POPSTAND!
WITH LUCK, WE'LL BE BACK IN TOWN TO PARTY HARDY TONIGHT!
WHAT ABOUT THE HAPPY COUPLE?
THINK THEY'RE STILL WHERE YOU LEFT THEM SWEATING IT OUT?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT THEM, SIS--
--THEY'RE JUST SOME YOUNG BEE COUPLE!
"WHAT HARM COULD THEY DO?"
WELL? DO YOU SEE THEM?
I DON'T SEE--HEAR--OR EVEN SMELL--ANY SIGN OF THE WEASEL OR KNUCKLES!
WHICH MEANS WE SHOULD BE IN THE CLEAR AS WELL!
C'MON! WE HAVE TO GO AFTER KNUCKLES!
SHOULDN'T WE GO FOR HELP, FIRST?
THERE'S NO TIME, SAFRON!
FROM THE SOUND OF THINGS--

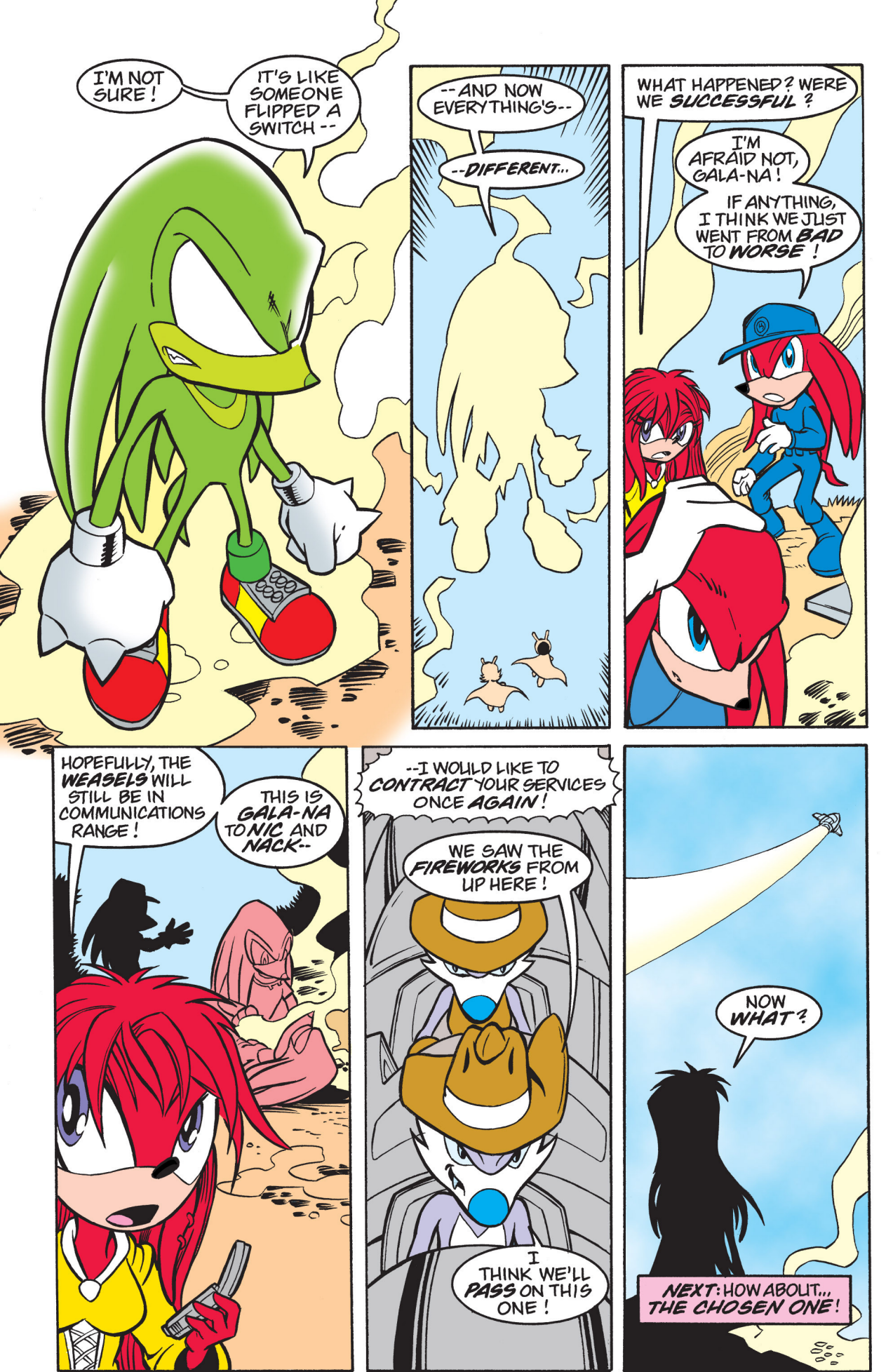
"--IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE WE'VE A MOMENT TO SPARE!"
AS MUCH AS I WISH WE COULD AVOID ALL THIS UN-PLEASANTNESS, KNUCKLES, THE FACT REMAINS--
--YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED ABILITIES POSSIBLY SURPASSING THOSE OF DIMITRI HIMSELF!
THAT BEING THE CASE--
--IT'S UP TO US TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO NULLIFY THAT THREAT--
--INCLUDING RESORTING TO THE USE OF A CHAOS SYPHON ITSELF!
THE UPDATED SET-UP IS JACKED IN AND GOOD TO GO!
THE ONLY X-FACTOR IS HOW WELL KNUCKLES WILL HOLD UP THROUGH THE PROCESS!
WITH HIS POWER INCREASING EXPONENTIALLY WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER!
ACTIVATE THE SYPHON!
SYPHON ACTIVATED!
INCREASING THE RATE OF ABSORBTION!
AAARRGHH!!


ASTONISHING!!!
HE'S TRYING TO RESIST !!!
WILL HE BE ABLE TO BREAK FREE ?
UNKNOWN, COUNCILOR GALA-NA !
THE READINGS ARE OFF THE DIAL !
...N-NEVER GIVE UP...
...NEVER SURRENDER...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS GIZMO I CAN HANDLE !
FEELS LIKE I'M ABOUT TO OVERLOAD !
STAY WITH IT!!
I'M REROUTING THE MATRIX CONDUITS !


"ALL I NEED IS ANOTHER MINUTE OR TWO!"
I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF THE WEASEL OR YOUR FRIEND!
DOWN BELOW! THERE'S A GROUP OF 'EM!
IT'S KNUCKLES!
AND HIS OWN GUYS ARE PUTTING HIM IN A WORLD OF HURT!
...ENOUGH ALREADY...
MY MOST SINCEREST APOLOGIES, MY YOUNG FRIEND--
--BUT THE DANGER IS TOO GREAT TO TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH YOU!
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, SAF!
LIKE WHAT? YOU HAVE A PLAN?
SEE THOSE TWO DOWN THERE?
I'M BETTING IF WE TAKE THOSE GUYS OUT--
--THAT JUST MIGHT GIVE KNUCKLES A BREAK!
I'M WITH YOU, HONEY BEE!
LET'S SHOW 'EM OUR STING!


YOU TAKE THE TECHNO-GEEK--
--WHILE I TAKE OUT THE HEAVY ARTILLERY!
JUST BECAUSE I'M A GIRL--
--DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T HANDLE THE TOUGH JOBS!
SAF, I DIDN'T MEAN--
I'LL WORRY ABOUT PUTTING MY FOOT IN MY MOUTH LATER!
BETTER KEEP MY EYE ON THE BALL, THOUGH!
OR KEYBOARD, IN THIS CASE!
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE--
--SO I BETTER GET IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!
HERE COMES THE STEALTH BOMBER!
NOTHING LIKE A BEE TO CRASH A SYSTEM!
WHATEVER THIS GOON IS DOING TO KNUCKLES--
--CAN HOPEFULLY BE STOPPED--


"--WITH BUT THE TURN OF A DIAL!"
SOMETHING'S WRONG!
THE FLOW IS REVERSING!!
THE CONNECTION IS BROKEN!
ALL BECAUSE OF SOME LOUSY INSECT!
GET RID OF IT!!!
IF ANYONE'S GOING DOWN--
--IT'S YOU GUYS!
...whoa...
What wall did I slam into?
Charmy... you okay?
I THINK SO! NOW WHERE'S--
KNUCKLES?!
I-IS THAT YOU?


I'M NOT SURE!
IT'S LIKE SOMEONE FLIPPED A SWITCH --
--AND NOW EVERYTHING'S--
--DIFFERENT...
WHAT HAPPENED? WERE WE SUCCESSFUL?
I'M AFRAID NOT, GALA-NA!
IF ANYTHING, I THINK WE JUST WENT FROM BAD TO WORSE!
HOPEFULLY, THE WEASELS WILL STILL BE IN COMMUNICATIONS RANGE!
THIS IS GALA-NA TO NIC AND NACK--
--I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRACT YOUR SERVICES ONCE AGAIN!
WE SAW THE FIREWORKS FROM UP HERE!
I THINK WE'LL PASS ON THIS ONE!
NOW WHAT?
NEXT: HOW ABOUT... THE CHOSEN ONE!